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REFS: A) GENEVA 5072, B) PARIS 11100, C) LONDON 3938,
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1. THE UK-JAPANESE AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE GOJ HAS UNDER-
TAKEN TO LIMIT SALES OF CARS, AND LIGHT AND HEAVY COMMERCIAL
VEHICLES TO THE UK (SEE REFTTEL C) IS PRECISELY THE TYPE OF

TRADE RESTRAINT MADE OUTSIDE THE GATT THAT HAS CREATED THE NEED FOR AN IMPROVED GATT AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS. GOJ, UK AND EC OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF OUR CONCERNS WITH TRADE RESTRAINTS OUTSIDE THE GATT. SUCH RESTRAINTS A) ARE TAKEN WITHOUT MEETING THE SERIOUS INJURY REQUIREMENT OF GATT ARTICLE XIX, B) MAY HAVE SERIOUS TRADE-DIVERSIONARY EFFECTS ON THIRD COUNTRIES, C) MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR OTHER SIGNATORIES WITH EQUAL OR GREATER DOMESTIC PRESSURES IN THE SAME OR OTHER INDUSTRIAL SECTORS TO RESIST IMPOSING THEIR OWN TRADE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE UK-JAPANESE AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT PASS UNNOTICED AND WITHOUT COMMENT AND THAT THERE SHOULD THEREFORE BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE AGREEMENT IN THE GATT AND THE OECD.

3. FOR US MISSION GENEVA. IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE THAT THE AGREEMENT APPEAR IN THE GATT "SURVEY OF DEVELOPMENTS IN COMMERCIAL POLICY." REFTEL C CONTAINS UK TRADE SECRETARY DELL'S WRITTEN ANSWER TO A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION REGARDING THE GOJ VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENT AND THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FROM MITI TO THE UK EMBASSY IN TOKYO. US MISSION GENEVA SHOULD CALL THE OFFICIAL REFERENCE, WHICH EMBASSY LONDON CAN SUPPLY, TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GATT SECRETARIAT SO THAT IT CAN CITE THE REFERENCE IN PLACING THE ITEM IN THE GATT SURVEY.
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4. FOR OECD PARIS. PLEASE SUGGEST TO OECD SECRETARIAT THAT IT INCLUDE THE GOJ-UK AUTOMOTIVE IMPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENT IN THE "OECD INVENTORY" AT ITS OWN INITIATIVE. AS IT REPRESENTS A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS TO RESTRAIN TRADE IN A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IT SHOULD BE NOTED AND SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION BY THE MEMBER STATES. CHRISTOPHER

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